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## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **COL ANIELLO L. TORTORA**

**Commander, U.S. Army Engineering  
and Support Center, Huntsville**

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Colonel Nello Tortora assumed command of the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville, July 28, 2009. The Huntsville Center executes more than 5,000 contracts valued at \$1.4 billion annually in engineering, construction, and technical services in support of strategic national programs such as the design and construction of worldwide chemical weapons demilitarization facilities, Army and Air Force installation facility repair and renewal construction, national energy savings programs, nationwide environmental and ordnance remediation programs, Army medical facilities design oversight, and overseas contingency operations.

He previously commanded the New York District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from August 2006 through June 2009. As District Engineer, he was responsible for the Corps' water resource development, navigation and regulatory activities in five northeastern states and for design and construction at Army and Air Force installations in New York, New Jersey and Greenland. In addition, he held the title of Supervisor of New York Harbor and oversaw vital deepening and environmental restoration projects throughout the harbor.

Colonel Tortora, a native of southern Florida, was commissioned from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in engineering. He went on to earn master's degrees in Engineering from the University of Texas and in National Security Strategy from the National Defense University.

Colonel Tortora began his military career as a platoon leader and company executive officer with the 43rd Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Heavy), Fort Benning, Ga. He was assigned to the 16th Engineer Battalion (Combat), 1st Armored Division in Nuremberg, Germany serving as Battalion S-4, Bravo Company commander and deploying to Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Serving in a variety of staff positions, Colonel Tortora filled the role of project engineer with Omaha District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, then Battalion S-3, 588th Engineer Battalion (Combat), followed by Brigade S-3, Engineer Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood. After serving as Senior Engineer in the Futures Directorate, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, Va., Colonel Tortora commanded the 2nd Engineer Battalion (Combat), 2nd Infantry Division, at Camp Castle, Korea. Following battalion command, he served as the Senior Joint Engineer, Defense Continuity and Crisis Management, with the Office of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense) in Washington, D.C.

Colonel Tortora's military awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit (2 awards), Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (3 awards), Commendation Medal (3 awards), Army Achievement Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, and Saudi Arabia Liberation Medal.